THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have advised all Public Sector Banks in July 2001 to earmark 5 per cent of their Net Bank Credit (NBC) for lending to women and this target is to be achieved by 31st March, 2004. Women can access credit from banks through Govenment sponsored and general schemes including Prime Minister's RozgarYojana (PMRY), Swarnajayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari RozgarYojana (SJSRY), Differential Rate of Interest Schemes (DRI), Micro Credit Scheme (MCS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Area (DWCRA) etc. Some of the banks are offering credit to women under specific schemes such as Priyadarshini Scheme (Bank of India), Shree Shakti Package Scheme (State Bank of India), Pigmy Deposit Scheme (Syndicate Bank), Viklang Mahila Vikas Yojana (Union Bank of India) and Kalyani (Central Bank of India).

(c) RBI do not have any data on the projected coverage of women entrepreneurs through the above schemes State-wise.

(d) RBI have also reported that 23 Public Sector Banks have set up Women's Cells at their Head Office and 19 banks have set up Women's Cells at their Regional/Zonal Office. RBI do not have any data on Women's cells set up in various States.

Trafficking in heroin

2124. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trafficking in heroin and other psychotropic substances has assumed the dimensions of a full-fledged soaring industry in the country;

(b) whether this has led to the emergence of a new stratum of society called drug-lords, having the capacity not only to corrupt the law enforcement but also buy political power; and

(c) if so, what steps, including amendment of law and modifications in enforcement processes have been and are being taken to deal with the menace effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Drug

trafficking is a clandestine activity. Reports of seizures of narcotic drugs during the last three calendar years, received from various Drug law Enforcement Agencies, do not indicate any consistent trend of increase/ decrease in the quantities of drug so seized.

(b) and (c) To deal effectively with those engaged in drug trafficking, the Government has, in October 2001, amended the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. The Government has also taken a number of other steps in this regard. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up the enforcement efforts, periodical training of the enforcement officers, close interaction between the agencies of the Central and State Governments and quarterly coordination meetings for this purpose by the Narcotics Control Bureau, neutralizing organised drug traffickers by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of the police and security forces, fencing and flood lighting of the Indo-Pak border and holding periodic bilateral meetings of the Indian and Pakistani Anti-Narcotics Agencies, vesting of powers in the Border Security Force and the Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs, notifying certain precursor chemicals, *viz.*, Acetic Anhydride, Ephedrine, etc., as 'Controlled Substances' under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, etc.

Complaints against former MD of TFL

2125. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scurities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have received complaints from Tata Finance Limited (TFL) against the former Managing Director of TFL and certain brokers for violation of the Code of Conduct under SEBI Stock Brokers Regulation by issuing false backdated contract notes and bills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty executives of TFL and stock brokers by SEBI?